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1. (currently amended) A motorcycle and exhaust pipe protector for a user of a motorcycle comprising:

a motorcycle which is moveable in fore-and-aft directions;

a user footrest mounted to the motorcycle and extending in a lateral direction away from the motorcycle;

an engine exhaust pipe on said motorcycle extending adjacent the footrest further extending in the aft direction behind the footrest;

an elongate rod;

a bracket for mounting the rod to the footrest at a position between the footrest and the motorcycle and at an elevation above the footrest;

the rod positioned to extend longitudinally in the fore-and-aft direction;

the rod having a bent aft portion bent away from the motorcycle in a lateral direction substantially orthogonal to the fore-and-aft direction; and

the bent aft portion positioned directly aft of the footrest.

2. (original) The protector according to claim 1 wherein the rod further includes a bent fore portion bent toward the motorcycle.

3. (original) The protector according to claim 1 wherein the footrest includes a lateral dimension and the bent aft portion is sized to extend a portion of the length of the lateral dimension.

4. (currently amended) A motorcycle exhaust pipe protector for a user of a motorcycle comprising:

a motorcycle which is moveable in fore-and-aft directions;

a user footboard mounted to the motorcycle and extending in a lateral direction away from the motorcycle;

an engine exhaust pipe on said motorcycle extending adjacent the footboard further extending in the aft direction behind the footrest;

an elongate rod;

a bracket for mounting the rod to the footboard at a position between the footboard and the motorcycle and at an elevation above the footboard;

the bracket having two leg portions joined together in an orthogonal relation, with the free end of one leg secured to the rod and the free end of the second leg attached to the footboard;

the rod positioned to extend longitudinally in the fore-and-aft direction;

the rod having a bent aft portion bent away from the motorcycle in a lateral direction substantially orthogonal to the fore-and-aft direction; and

the bent aft portion positioned directly aft of the footboard.

5. (original) The protector according to claim 4 wherein the rod further includes a bent fore portion bent toward the motorcycle.

6. (currently amended) A motorcycle and exhaust pipe protector for a user of a motorcycle comprising:

- a motorcycle which is moveable in fore-and-aft directions;

- a user foot peg mounted to the motorcycle and extending in a lateral direction away from the motorcycle;

- an engine exhaust pipe on said motorcycle extending adjacent the foot peg further extending in the aft direction behind the foot peg;

- an elongate rod;

- a bracket for mounting the rod to the foot peg at a position between the foot peg and the motorcycle and at an elevation above the foot peg;

- the rod positioned to extend longitudinally in the fore-and-aft direction;

- the rod having a bent aft portion bent away from the motorcycle in a lateral direction substantially orthogonal to the fore-and-aft direction; and

- the bent aft portion positioned directly aft of the foot peg.

7. (original) The protector according to claim 6 wherein the rod further includes a bent fore portion bent toward the motorcycle.

8. (new) A motorcycle and exhaust pipe protector for a user of a motorcycle comprising:

a motorcycle which is movable in fore-and-aft directions;

a user footrest mounted to the motorcycle and extending in a lateral direction away from the motorcycle;

an engine exhaust pipe on said motorcycle extending adjacent the footrest and further extending in the aft direction behind the footrest;

an elongate rod; and

means for mounting the rod to the motorcycle at a position between the footrest and the motorcycle and at an elevation above the footrest;

the rod positioned to extend longitudinally in the fore-and-aft direction.

9. (new) A motorcycle and exhaust pipe protector for a user of a motorcycle comprising:

a motorcycle which is movable in fore-and-aft directions;

a user footrest mounted to the motorcycle and extending in a lateral direction away from the motorcycle;

an engine exhaust pipe on said motorcycle extending adjacent the footrest and further extending in the aft direction behind the footrest;

an elongate rod;

a bracket for mounting the rod to the footrest at a position between the footrest and the motorcycle and at an elevation above the footrest;

the rod positioned to extend longitudinally in the fore-and-aft direction;

the rod having a bent aft portion, bent in a vertical direction substantially orthogonal to the fore-and-aft direction; and

the bent aft portion positioned directly aft of the footrest.

10. (new) The protector according to claim 9 wherein the rod further includes a bent fore portion bent toward the motorcycle.

11. (new) A motorcycle and exhaust pipe protector for a user of a motorcycle comprising:

a motorcycle which is movable in fore-and-aft directions;

the motorcycle having a frame;

a user footboard extending in a lateral direction away from the motorcycle;

a footboard bracket for mounting the footboard to the motorcycle;

a bolt for mounting the footboard bracket to the frame of the motorcycle;

an engine exhaust pipe on said motorcycle extending adjacent the footboard further extending in the aft direction behind the footrest;

an elongate rod having a longitudinal axis;

a bracket for mounting the rod to the frame of the motorcycle;

the bracket having a depending leg portion having one end joined to the elongate rod in depending relation and a tubular member mounted to a distal end of the leg portion and extending in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of the elongate rod;

the tubular member having an internal bore for receiving the bolt used for mounting the footboard bracket to the frame of the motorcycle;

the rod positioned to extend longitudinally in the fore-and-aft directions;

the rod having a bent aft portion bent away from the motorcycle in a lateral direction substantially orthogonal to the fore-and-aft direction; and

the bent aft portion positioned directly aft of the footboard.

12. (new) A protector according to claim 11 wherein the rod further includes a bent fore portion bent toward the motorcycle.

13. (new) A motorcycle and exhaust pipe protector for a user of a motorcycle comprising:

a motorcycle which is movable in a fore-and-aft direction;

the motorcycle having a frame;

a user foot peg extending in a lateral direction away from the motorcycle;

a foot peg mounting bracket secured to the frame of the motorcycle;

a bolt for mounting the foot peg to the foot peg mounting bracket;

an engine exhaust pipe on said motorcycle extending adjacent the foot peg for extending in the aft direction behind the foot peg;

an elongate rod having a longitudinal axis;

a protector bracket for mounting the elongate rod to the foot peg bracket;

the protector bracket having a bore therethrough for receiving the bolt mounting the foot peg to the foot peg bracket and further having a second bore for receiving one end of the elongate rod;

the elongate rod positioned with a forward end located in the second bore;

the protector bracket further having a set screw for frictionally engaging the elongate rod to secure the elongate rod at a selected rotated position within the second hole;

the rod having a bent fore portion bent back on itself in a vertical direction and extending in the aft direction; and

the elongate rod located at a position between the foot peg and the motorcycle, and at an elevation above the foot peg.

14. (new) The protector according to claim 13 wherein the rod further includes a bent aft portion bent toward the motorcycle.